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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a five-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action Restriction Requirement (the "Restriction Requirement") mailed August 17, 2005, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including February 17, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,080.00 is attached to cover the five-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) at the small entity rate. No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. **50-0206**.

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Applicants provide the following election and remarks in response to the Office Action Restriction Requirement (the “Restriction Requirement”) mailed August 17, 2005, in the above-captioned application.

Remarks are presented on page 3 of this paper.